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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 3768, (B) MOSCOW 2769, (C) STATE 56619,
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1. EMBOFFS MET MFA/PRESS SECTION OFFICIALS STREL'NIKOV AND KHRENKOV
MARCH 22 TO DISCUSS EMBASSY MEETING MARCH 21 WITH INTOURIST, AND OTHER
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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR VANCE VISIT.

2. STREL'NIKOV IMMEDIATELY STATED THAT MFA WOULD ASSURE THAT
INTOURIST PROVIDED FOLLOWING:

- (A) LARGE BRIEFING ROOM (USED DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISITS);
- (B) ROOM WITH FIVE TELEX MACHINES AND OPERATORS AVAILABLE AROUND
THE CLOCK;
- (C) ROOM WITH THREE LATIN-SCRIPT TYPEWRITERS;
- (D) ROOM WITH TWO TELEPHONES (IN ADDITION TO PRIVATE PHONE IN
EACH ROOM).

3. WITH EXCEPTION OF BRIEFING ROOM, ALL PRESS FACILITIES WILL BE
LOCATED ON SAME FLOOR AT INTOURIST HOTEL.

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4. EMBOFFS STRESSED URGENCY OF HAVING ROOM NUMBERS AND TELEPHONES
FOR ALL PRESS ACCOMODATIONS AND FACILITIES.

5. MFA OFFICIALS SAID THEY MEETING WITH INTOURIST PROTOCOL CHIEF
SIMCHENKO WEDNESDAY AND INVITED PRESS ATTACHE AND AIOS TO ACCOMPANY
THEM IN INSPECTING FACILITIES. EMBOFFS AGREED.

6. EMBOFFS EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE DISPLAYED BY MFA/PRESS SECTION AND SAID UNFORTUNATELY SAME NOT TRUE OF INTOURIST. CONVERSATION OF PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL B) REPEATED TO EFFECT THAT US PRESS ALREADY UNHAPPY WITH SIMIRO PROPOSALS AND COSTS. EMBASSY CONVERSATION WITH INTOURIST SEEMED TO RESULT IN EVEN FEWER SERVICES AT INCREASED COST (REFTEL A). MFA/PRESS ASKED TO INTERCEDE.

7. STREL'NIKOV SAID MFA COULD DO LITTLE TO GOVERN INTOURIST PRICES, BUT HE MADE CLEAR HIS FEELINGS THAT CERTAIN INTOURIST OFFICIALS THINK ONLY OF MONEY AND NOT OF "LARGER ISSUES". MFA PROMISED TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH INTOURIST AT WEDNESDAY MEETING.

8. MFA OFFICIALS SAID THIRD-COUNTRY JOURNALISTS ACCREDITED TO SECRETARY'S VISIT OR RESIDENT IN MOSCOW WOULD NEED ONLY THEIR REGULAR PRESS CREDENTIALS TO GAIN ACCESS TO PRESS FACILITIES AT INTOURIST.
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